



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 28th RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Hotel Galadari
Colombo, Sri Lanka

25 March 2019
14:00-17:00

Introduction

The 28th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held in Hotel Galadari, Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 25 March 2019 prior to the 41st RCA NRM. The participants were Mr T.M.R. Tennakoon (Current RCA Chair, NR of SRL), Ms Eun Kyoung Jee (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of ROK), Mr Zulkifli Mohamed Hashim (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of MAL), Ms Mi Kyung Han (Ministry of Science and ICT), representatives of the KONICOF and representatives of the IAEA, Ms Jane Gerardo-Abaya (Director of Division for Asia and Pacific) and Mr. Sinh van Hoang (RCA Focal Person).

The RCARO served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting and was represented by the Director Mr. Hai Joo Moon, Ms. Hyun Kyoung Jeon, Ms. Soo Youn Hwang and Ms. Jae Hee Chung.

1. Opening

Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (SRL)

Mr T.M.R. Tennakoon, the current RCA Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He wished a fruitful meeting and expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its contributions.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of Rapporteur

The agenda items were reviewed and adopted with no amendment. RCARO was appointed as rapporteur.

The SAC adopted the draft agenda with no amendment and appointed the RCARO as rapporteur.

3. Discussions on the Major Issues of the RCARO Activities

3.1. Publication of RCA Brochure and Success Stories

The SAC was informed of RCARO's plan to update the RCA brochure and publish the 7th batch of Success Stories.

According to the mechanism and procedure approved by the 37th NRM in 2015, RCARO will publish 2-3 Success Stories with the projects selected among RCA projects which had been successfully completed between 2015 and 2018.

Various stakeholders of the RCA including the National Representatives will be engaged in the process of the publication to better showcase the achievements of the RCA and benefits of the nuclear science and technology in various fields.

The SAC took note of RCARO's plan on the publication of RCA brochure and the 7th batch of Success Stories and requested the 41st NRM for endorsement.

3.2 Participation in Regional and International Conferences and Exhibitions to Increase the RCA awareness and partnership

The SAC was informed of RCARO's participation in the following events in 2018;

- 12th congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology, 20-24 April , Melbourne, Australia
- Global South-South Development Expo, 28-30 November, New York, USA
- IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology: Addressing Current and Emerging Development Challenges, 28-30 November, Vienna, Austria

The SAC confirmed that the RCARO would participate in the following events in 2019, as approved by the 47th GCM;

- 6th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) (27-29 March 2019, Thailand)
- 13th Regional Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology (August 2019, Viet Nam)

The SAC appreciated RCARO's promotional activities at international conferences and exhibitions in 2018 and confirmed the plan for 2019 as approved by the 47th GCM. The SAC also encouraged RCARO to consider participating in the IAEA NLO Meeting to be held on 8-12 July 2019 in Vienna and International Conference on Isotopes and Expo to be held on 3-7 February 2020 in Malaysia to promote the RCA subject to the schedule and budget availability of the RCARO.

3.3 Support of RCA Experts for Increasing the Awareness and Promotion of the RCA

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's support for two experts (MAL and INS) for their RCA promotional activities in regional/international conferences for the cycle of 2018 and RCARO's plan on supporting three experts (BGD, MAL and NEP) in 2019, as approved by the 47th GCM.

The SAC took note of RCARO's support for the RCA experts in their RCA promotional activities in regional/international conferences for the cycle of 2018 and reconfirmed RCARO's plan for supporting three experts (BGD, MAL and NEP) for their participation to the relevant events in 2019. The SAC also recommended RCARO to report summary of participation results of the selectees for monitoring of the Programme and effective

promotion of the RCA.

3.4 Implementation of RAS6083 on Improving Patient Care and Enhancing Government Parties Capacity in Nuclear Medicine Programs in RCA region

The SAC was informed of the activities done in 2018 and achievements made under the project during the implementation period (2016-2018). Taking into account that RAS6083 has started out as a pilot project initiated by RCARO to meet the regional needs in the field of nuclear medicine, the SAC congratulated RCARO for the successful completion of the project. The SAC was informed of RCARO's plan for creating e-learning modules on the RCA website and took note that this will be the first and important step for further enhancement on the use of the RCA website as an e-education hub in the region.

The SAC took note of the successful completion of the project RAS6083 and the achievements made. The SAC welcomed the RCARO's follow up activity on creation of e-learning modules on nuclear medicine for the continued education of the regional experts.

3.5 Implementation of RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications

The RCARO reported on the activities undertaken under the RCA/UNOSSC Project in 2018 and work plan for 2019. The SAC took note that there have been growing needs and demands on the extension of the project and appreciated RCARO for its efforts on this.

The SAC took note of the project achievements in 2018 and work plan for 2019 under the RCA/UNOSSC Project. The SAC appreciated RCARO's endeavour to extend the project taking into account of the requests from participating countries.

3.6 RCARO Managed Project: Implementation of RCA Research Project

The RCARO reported on the progress made under the RCA Research Project in 2018 and its work plan for 2019. The SAC congratulated on the successful kick-off of the project in 2018 and encouraged RCARO to continue its efforts on operating and managing the project onwards with the assistance of the Research Review Committee (RRC).

The SAC took note of the progress made in 2018 and work plan for 2019 of the RCA Research Project. Taking account of the value of the project for the RCA and its contribution in alleviating air pollution in the Region, the SAC recommended RCARO to continue supporting the project.

3.7 Holding of an IAEA/RCARO workshop

The RCARO reported on its plan for hosting a regional workshop on Communication and Consultation with Interested Parties by the Regulatory Body in 2019 in cooperation with the IAEA.

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3.8 Holding of an RCA/ASEANTOM joint training course

The SAC was briefed with the activities undertaken under the RCA/ASEAN Project on Capacity Building in Radiation Technology (2016-2018) and RCARO's initiative on the RCA-ASEANTOM partnership. RCARO reported on its plan for holding a joint training course in the area of emergency preparedness and response with the ASEANTOM.

The SAC took note of the activities undertaken under the RCA-ASEAN project and welcomed the RCARO's initiative on the RCA-ASEANTOM partnership.

3.9 Selection of the Next Director of the RCA Regional Office

The RCARO reported on the progress made for the selection of the next Director of RCARO. According to the guidelines, the Selection Committee (SC) has been formed and necessary documents such as job description have been prepared to be endorsed by the NRs. One application from ROK was received and reviewed by the SC. The Chair of the SC submitted its assessment to the SAC Chair.

The SAC expressed its appreciation for the excellent collaboration and leadership of Mr Moon for the RCA and RCARO as the Director of RCARO from 2016 to 2019.

The SAC also took note of the recommendation by the SC that the appointee from ROK be offered the position of the next Director of RCARO and agreed to submit it to the 41st NRM for its approval.

3.10 Other matters

The SAC was informed of RCARO's other activities: supporting the IAEA for RCA administrative matters and assisting the RCA Chair for coordination of activities; supporting the Working Groups of the RCA; upload of resource documents on the RCA website;

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4. Arrangement for the 29th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 29th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 48th RCA GCM which is planned to be held in September 2019 at the IAEA Headquarters.

5. Closing

The Chair of the Meeting thanked RCARO for the excellent work performed by the RCARO.

The Chair also thanked all the SAC members for their advice and recommendations.